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SUBJECT: AD HOC HIGH-LEVEL GROUP ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED  
OCTOBER 27 FROM CHAIRMAN ROBERT TO AHG MEMBERS AS  
CE/DG(75)17: BEGIN TEXT

I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOU SOME THOUGHTS ON THE  
ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF OUR GROUP IN THE PERIOD  
IMMEDIATELY AHEAD IN THE LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE  
PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION ON 21ST AND  
22ND OCTOBER, 1975. LET ME RESTATE FIRST OF ALL THAT WE  
HAVE TO SEE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR GROUP AS A DUAL  
ONE, I.E. TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEMS OF RELATIONS WITH  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE LONGER-TERM CONTEXT ON THE  
ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER HAND, TO ASSIST MEMBER COUN-  
TRIES IN THE PREPARATION FOR THE "DIALOGUE" AND HERE  
PARTICULARLY TO PREPARE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON  
DEVELOPMENT.

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DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WE WILL CLEARLY HAVE TO

CONCENTRATE OUR WORK ON THE PREPARATION FOR THE "DIALOGUE". IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS WORK EFFECTIVELY, I WOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS.

IT SEEMS NECESSARY TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP EARLIER THAN WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AND I PROPOSE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARIAT, THE DATES OF 12TH AND 13TH NOVEMBER, 1975.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WILL BE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE PRINCIPLE ISSUES LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE CONSENSUS REACHED AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING WAS AGREEMENT THAT THE "DIALOGUE" SHOULD OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF ALL SUBJECTS FALLING WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND BEING PROPOSED BY A COUNTRY PARTICIPATING IN THAT CONFERENCE.

SOME INDICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE ISSUES LIKELY TO BE RAISED IS OFFERED BY THE LISTS TABLED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE GROUP OF THE SEVEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING. THESE LISTS ARE BOTH VERY GENERAL AND COMPREHENSIVE, AND IT WILL, THEREFORE, BE NECESSARY TO CLARIFY THEIR PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR INSTANCE, BY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RESOLUTION OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONCRETE ISSUES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

I, THEREFORE, PROPOSE THAT THE GROUP WOULD START WITH THE EXAMINATION OF THE MAIN CONCRETE QUESTIONS LIKELY TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONFERENCE AS TO THEIR SUBSTANCE AS WELL AS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE PRESENTED. FINALLY, WE HAVE TO BEAR IN MIND THE DESIRABILITY OF BEGINNING THE "DIALOGUE" IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT.

I HAVE ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO HELP THE GROUP IN THIS WORK BY ANALYZING THE PRINCIPLE ISSUES LIKELY TO BE

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RAISED IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN THE LIGHT OF THE QUESTIONS SET OUT ABOVE AND BY PROVIDING FURTHER BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION ON THESE SUBJECTS.

THE MEETING IN NOVEMBER WOULD ALSO GIVE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE DESIRED TO DO SO TO EXPRESS THEIR ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON THE RESULTS OF

THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HOLD A FURTHER MEETING OF  
THE GROUP SOON AFTER THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. SINCE THE CONFERENCE

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WILL TAKE PLACE ON 16TH, 17TH AND POSSIBLY 18TH  
DECEMBER IN VIEW OF CHRISTMAS, THE MOST APPROPRIATE  
DATE FOR THE MEETING OF OUR GROUP WILL BE 19TH DECEMBER.  
THE PRINCIPLE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WILL BE TO REVIEW  
THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR  
OUR WORK. IN ADDITION WE MUST CONTINUE THE REVIEW OF  
THE PRINCIPLE ISSUES LIKELY TO BE RAISED IN THE  
COMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT. AND WE SHALL ALSO HAVE TO  
REVIEW THE WORK UNDERTAKEN, AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE  
GROUP, BY OTHER BODIES OF THE OECD, NOTABLY, THE DAC AND  
OUR OWN SUB-GROUP ON THE SUBJECT OF INDUSTRIAL AND  
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, AND THE TRADE COMMITTEE. WE  
MAY ALSO HEAR A REPORT FROM THE GATT SECRETARIAT ON THE  
PROGRESS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

A FURTHER MEETING WILL BE NECESSARY FOR OBVIOUS  
REASONS SHORTLY BEFORE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE DEVELOP-  
MENT COMMISSION IN JANUARY. OF COURSE A FIRM DATE CANNOT  
YET BE FIXED, BUT IT WILL PROBABLY BE AROUND THE MIDDLE  
OF THE MONTH. YOURS SINCERELY, HORST-KRAFFT ROBERT  
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